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1. ELECTIONS DIRECTOR DUNDAS TOLD US THAT THE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE 10 IBM-3742 KEYPUNCH MACHINES WAS SIGNED ON JUNE 13 (SEE REFTEL A) THE MONEY WILL BE PAID TO IBM ON JUNE 16, AND IBM HAS PROMISED DELIVERY BY JUNE 30. THEY WILL BE TRANSPORTED FROM TORONTO BY AIR JAMAICA.

2. DUNDAS SAID THAT IT IS MOST PROBABLY THAT THE PRINTING OF THE VOTER LIST WILL BE DONE IN MAIMI, USING ONE OF THE COMPANIES SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B. PROFESSOR MILLS HAS ALEADY CONTACTED THE COMPANIES AND IS WAITING FOR FIRM BIDS. DUNDAS SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL ASK FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING CUSTOMS, SECURITY ETC. IF AND WHEN THE ARRANGEMENT ARE FIRM. DUNDAS SAID THAT HE DOES NOT HONSETLY BELIEVE THAT THE LIST WILL BE READY FOR PRINTING MUCH BEFORE THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK IN AUGUST. THE KEYPUNCH AND PROGRAMMING PHASE PROBABLY WILL TAKE LONGER THAN ORIGIANALLY ESTIMATED.
3. IF DUNDAS PROJECTION IS ACCURATE, THE ELECTION CANNOT BE HELD BEFORE LATE SEPTEMBER. THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE ITSELF IS SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC, AND SOME AROUND TOWN ARE NOW PREDICTING A DATE IN LATE AUGUST. AFTER TALKING WITH DUNDAS THE TECHNOCRACT WHO IS MANAGING THE EFFORT, WE ARE STILL PUTTING OUR MONEY ON LATE SEPTEMBER (BUT WE ARE NOT PUTTING DOWN MUCH MONEY THERE ARE TOO MANY VARIABLES.)
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